

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules  
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,  
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to reply to the public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

The studies commissioned by the FCC are flawed and incomplete. Merger of print and broadcast ownership has sharply curtailed cross-criticism and coverage of both TV-radio and newspaper growing mergers into monopolies-- Thus severely restricting the breadth of news and information available to our citizens. This markedly curtails our first amendment rights that protect the constitutional rights of "we the people" to govern. Not only is this not in the public interest, it violates the US Constitution.

The public interest will best be served by the preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding, and actually tightening the restrictions against cross-ownership and multiple station-ownership by one corporation in any one market area and in more than 10% of the national market.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Most sincerely, the reverend Paul Sawyer  
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